



Supervisor Ralph Buona's Ashburn District



NEWS FLASH

Belmont Ridge Road/Route 7 Interchange Construction Underway

If you have driven the area of Belmont Ridge Road and Route 7 lately, you have probably noticed signs indicating there will be blasting in the area for some time.

While the construction might prove to be a nuisance at times, IT IS GREAT NEWS! This is the first visible sign that construction of the Belmont Ridge Road/Route 7 Interchange is finally underway!

We are currently in the process of selecting the contractor who will ultimately construct the interchange. The interchange is scheduled to be complete in Spring 2017 and will bring us one step closer to Route 7 being "signal-free" from Leesburg to Sterling!

Washington Gas crews will work over the next two months to move a gas main that is in the construction area. Beginning Thursday, 5 February and continuing each Tuesday and Thursday through 24 March crews may require traffic stoppages of up to 15 minutes at a time. These delays will be limited to 10:00-11:30 a.m. on those days. Each stoppage will occur as close to 10:00 a.m. as possible.



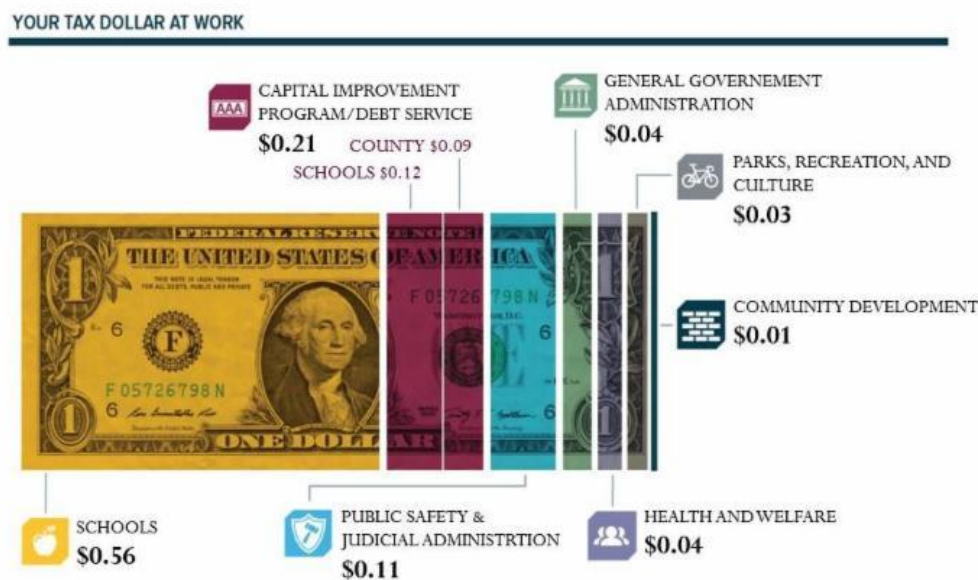
Route 7 East Approaching Belmont Ridge Rd.



Belmont Ridge Road North Approaching Route 7

Fiscal Year 2016 Budget

On the evening of Wednesday, 4 February, County Administrator Tim Hemstreet presented the Board of Supervisors with a proposed \$2.2 billion balanced budget at a tax rate of \$1.13, slightly below the equalized tax rate of \$1.135. The proposed budget proposal provides a 5.6% increase to Loudoun County Public Schools, which projects a 3.4% enrollment increase for the school year beginning Fall of 2015. The School Board will present their budget request to the Board next Thursday, 12 February. As always, there are lots of opportunities for public input. The County's budget website is a great place to visit to learn more about the budget and public input opportunities: www.loudoun.gov/budget. The graphic below displays the breakdown of where the County's revenues are spent.



Junior Woman's Club of Loudoun - Prom Wishes

The Junior Woman's Club of Loudoun (JWCL) is hosting its 13th annual Prom Wishes event on Saturday, March 14. JWCL collects prom dresses and accessories and then makes them available to high school girls in the community at a one-day boutique where they can select prom attire free of charge. This year's event will be held 14 March from 10 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Teen Center at Rust Library in Leesburg, Virginia and all teen girls are welcome.

To make the event successful, JWCL needs new or gently worn formal dresses, shoes, purses, jewelry, accessories, and unopened cosmetics. Tax deductible donations may be left at the following locations throughout Loudoun County until March 9th.

- Ashburn: Studio Pink Fit in Ashburn

- Leesburg: A.V. Symington Teen Center at Rust Library, Maggie's Closet, Claude Moore Community Center & Salon Ten
- Purcellville: Loudoun Valley Community Center
- South Riding: Dulles South Community Center & Town Hall
- Sterling: Sterling Community Center

For additional information, please visit our web site at www.jwcl.org or email promwishes@jwcl.org. JWCL is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. Contributions to the organization are tax deductible.

As always, if you have any questions about the content of this newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact me!

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